



PREPARE WEEK

Month 6: HEALED

“I am healed!”

“Father, help us reach **EVERY LAST ONE** on our campus with Your HOPE!”

WELCOME

LEADER TIP: Arriving early to pray over the room, playing worship live or on a bluetooth speaker, and greeting attendees as they enter, creates an environment that welcomes God's presence and people well.

Welcome: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! It's great to see you here today! So far this month, we have learned that Jesus is the **Savior** of the world, and that without a relationship with Him, we are **sinners**. The P in our HOPE strategy stands for **PREPARE**, and this week is **PREPARE** Week. During each **PREPARE** week, we look closely at how God is **preparing** us to share about Jesus and learn more about our identity. Today, our **PREPARE** GOAL is for us to know that Jesus is our **Healer** and we can be **healed**!

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Feel free to add your own words to this prayer.

SAY: Let's pray. “Heavenly Father, we are so grateful that we can talk to You right here in our school. We ask that Your presence would fill every hallway and heart on our campus. We want to know You more. We want to experience all that You have for us in this moment and in our lives. In Jesus' Name, amen.”

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: In Matthew 4:10, Jesus says, “*For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only’*.” Our Heavenly Father is worth or worthy of our worship! One of the ways that we can serve Him is through our worship to Him. Let's take this opportunity to follow the command of Jesus and worship our Heavenly Father together!

Worship: _____ (Leader)

Worship song(s) length: _____

LEADER TIP: You have the option for worship led live by students or by a lyric video. Test everything and **prepare WELL BEFORE** club time, ensuring all technology functions properly. Students have vastly different worship experiences and backgrounds. For everyone to confidently sing and enter God's presence in worship, it is best to have lyrics **prepared** in a slides presentation, on paper, or via a QR code.

Song Suggestion:

TOPIC:
God is Our Healer
God's Healing Power

SONG:
Way Maker
Too Good To Not Believe

ARTIST:
SINACH
Brandon Lake

Message Transition Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Since worship can be such a powerful time of inviting God's presence into the room, we want to direct this moment with care and respect. To carefully transition into the message, have a student leader pray their own prayer or pray the prayer below.

SAY: “Jesus, we know that what You did on the cross for us is so powerful. You gave Your life so that we could be free from **sin**, and receive Your **healing**. We pray that Your power would fill this room right now and **heal** every broken heart. If someone here is hurting, would You let them feel Your love right now? Help us to know that we are not alone and that You want to **heal** our hearts if they have been broken. In Jesus' Name, amen.” (Psalm 34:18; Psalm 147:3)

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today's verse is Isaiah 53:5, which says, “*But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.*”

Message: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: One or more leaders may present the message. If you'd like to write the message in your own words, use the MESSAGE TIPS portion of the CLUB PLAN TEMPLATE provided at the end of this week's lesson.

Today's Message Author: This message was written by Taylor, a First Priority student leader from St. Clair County, Alabama.

SAY: In this world, there is a lot of brokenness to be found, whether that be in a global, national, or personal context. It's hard to find hope in this world because it's easy to see the brokenness. This brokenness we find comes from **sin**, any thought, word, or action that separates us from God. (Isaiah 59:2) Romans 3:23 tells us, “*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*” We have all fallen to **sin**, and have been broken before. So, what can **heal** us? Can we be **healed** from the brokenness of **sin**?

This is answered in Isaiah 53:5. In this verse, it references a “He” who “was crushed for our iniquities” and this “He” is Jesus. But what does this verse mean when it says Jesus “was crushed by our iniquities”? This verse is in reference to Jesus dying on the cross for our **sins**. (John 19) Because of His death and resurrection, we are **healed**. The word “iniquities” refers to consistently choosing the opposite of God's will and ways. The word “transgressions” means “an act that goes against the law, rules, or code of conduct.” In Isaiah, the words “iniquities” and “transgressions” refer to the things that we know are wrong, but we do them anyway, which is **sin**. These words are to emphasize how **sin** should not be taken lightly. For **sin** to be overcome, a greater sacrifice must be made. As such, Jesus is described in Isaiah as being “pierced” and “crushed”. Jesus is the One who made the greatest sacrifice so that we could be freed from our transgressions (our **sins**). He is the greater Sacrifice. He is our **Savior**, the One to free us from the chain of **sin**! (John 3:16-17)

This verse in the book of Isaiah was written hundreds of years before Jesus was even born. So, how could the book of Isaiah write exactly what would occur hundreds of years later? Simply, because God always had the intention of saving us. God knew we would never be able to have a relationship with Him while **sin** was present in our lives. Therefore, God gave us a **Healer** to **heal** us from the brokenness caused by **sin**. (1 Peter 2:24)

We are **healed** by God's continuous love for us through Jesus's sacrifice. From Isaiah 53:5, “*by His wounds we are healed*” is God's greatest show of His love for us. When this verse says, “*His wounds*”, this refers to Jesus dying on the cross. By His sacrifice, we are given the opportunity to be **healed** from our **sins**. Furthermore, Romans 5:8 tells us, “*But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” This verse directly explains that God's love isn't because we are perfect. While Isaiah 53:5 was first written to refer to a future coming, Romans 5:8 looks back confidently describing a **Savior** who already gave His life. And we can have confidence that God loves us because it says in John 3:16, “*for God so loved the world.*” Jesus tells us that God loves the world, and this is an unchanging love. So, no matter how broken we may feel, God loves us enough to give us a way to salvation.

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God **heals** our brokenness. Brokenness can look different in everyone's lives. Have you ever been rejected from a friendship or relationship and felt abandoned? Do you feel an emptiness at home? Or maybe you feel a loneliness that you believe you could never escape? God wants you. He wants to **heal** your broken heart. His Word says, "*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*" (Psalms 147:3) God doesn't just want to **heal** you, but He wants to stay with you. (Matthew 28:20) It is as this verse says, "*He binds up their wounds.*" This explains God will stay to continue **healing** you. God will not leave after He **heals** your heart. Isaiah 49:16 tells us this exactly, "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." God says this because He wants us to know how important we are to Him. When this verse says that our names are "engraved," that means we are not moving from His hands. So we can know that He will never abandon us. (Hebrews 13:5)

When we come to receive Jesus's free gift of salvation, God comes into our life to **heal**. When God comes into our hearts, we are given His peace which protects our hearts and minds. (Philippians 4:7) We are given a mind that does not need to worry about what we have to do. Instead, we look towards what God's plan is. With God being present in our hearts, there is no longer the emptiness in our hearts that leads us to **sinning**. God's presence in our life allows for unending joy, even in the brokenness of the world.

We know there is much brokenness in the world, but Jesus is greater than anything in this world. Jesus is the one who **heals** us so that we can become whole. When you go throughout the day in school, do you feel the peace of God? For some here today, perhaps you never have felt His peace, a peace that does not always make sense. But you don't have to go without feeling this peace. If you ask Jesus to come into your heart, He will come into your life. (Romans 10:9-10) You may have felt His peace before, but now you feel distant. Jesus still wants you and He will give you His peace if you ask Him. (John 14:27) His peace is more than the darkness of the world. You don't need to try to fix yourself before Him. Instead, open your heart and mind for Him to come. Jesus wants to walk with you and carry your pain. He wants to be your **Healer**.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT (OPTIONAL)

LEADER TIP: If you have time available, discuss these questions in a small group or large group setting. For small groups, select a leader for each group.

Group Questions: _____ (Leader)

IMPORTANT: If discussion or a student's personal question(s) drift toward topics too lengthy or difficult for the time allotted, please encourage them to ask the adult leaders in the room after the meeting or refer them to their parents or pastors after school.

(Example: "That's a great question. Let's ask _____ after the club today or _____ after school.")

GROUP LEADER(S) SAY:

1. Has there ever been a time when your heart was broken? How did that feel?
2. What area in your life do you need God to **heal**?
3. Who do you know that needs to experience God's **healing** power? Let's take a moment to pray for them right now.

CLOSING

Identity Statement: _____ (Leader)

SAY: As we leave today, let's remind ourselves of who God says we are! The work that Jesus did on the cross for us allows us to be **healed** and made whole! It is because of Him that we can declare this identity statement with confidence. Repeat this statement after me, out loud or in your heart: "*I am healed!*"

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Promo/Announcements: _____ (Leader)

SAY: We can't wait to see you next week! We will be sharing the Good News about Jesus and giving an opportunity for our classmates to make a decision during our club time to begin following Him! Don't forget to follow our club on social media!

LEADER TIP: Your social media team members may want to create a graphic to post with this month's verse or the Identity Statement. Encourage your classmates to follow the club's social media account, if you have one, and share graphics for upcoming club meetings and events. Sample wording for the graphic: "*I am healed!*" - Isaiah 53:5

IMPORTANT: If your club doesn't have a social media account, check with your Faculty Sponsor for approval.

Closing Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Dismiss attendees to class based upon Faculty Sponsor's direction.
2. Clean your club meeting space, removing any trash.
3. Reset all items in your club meeting space to their original positions.

CLUB PLAN TEMPLATE

LEADER TIP: Use this template to write or type out your own plan on a separate piece of paper for **PREPARE WEEK** based upon Isaiah 53:5 and this week's **PREPARE GOAL**.

THIS WEEK'S PREPARE GOAL:

Today, our **PREPARE GOAL** is for us to know that Jesus is our **Healer** and we can be **healed**!

LEADER TIP: Make sure you know the length of your club time and how long you desire each section of your plan to last.

Time:

Welcome:

Prayer:

Worship:

Identity Verse: Isaiah 53:5

Message:

MESSAGE TIPS:

1. Look at this week's existing scripted message for ideas and inspiration.
2. Use additional scripture references to support and to bring further understanding to this week's Identity verse.
3. No matter how long you have been serving the Lord, IT'S ALWAYS BEST to share your message ahead of time with your parent, pastor, First Priority Campus Coach or a First Priority staff member BEFORE sharing it with the full club. Ask them to look over it with you and give their prayerful feedback.

"Let's Talk About It" Questions:

LEADER TIP: Use scripted questions provided or create your own.

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